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ALL MAJOR NEWS MEDIA HAVE CARRIED DETAILS OF THE NEWS CONFERENCE HELD BY DR. AKBAR ETEMAND, IRAN'S DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION HELD AFTER HIS TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE IAEC CHAIRMAN SETHNA. SALIENT POINTS ARE:

1. IRAN WILL SEEK INDIAN HELP FOR TRAINING OF HER NUCLEAR EXPERTS, FOR ESTABLISHING NUCLEAR RESEARCH LABORATORIES AND FOR EXPLORATION OF URANIUM. IN DUE COURSE INDIA AND IRAN WILL DECIDE ON SPECIFIC AREAS OF COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD.

2. IRAN IS NOT INTERESTED IN INDIAN HELP IN BUILDING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS SINCE IRAN HAS OPTED FOR OTHER THAN CANDU TUPE POWER REACTORS AND THEREFORE WILL ALSO NOT REQUIRE HEAVY
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WATER. IRAN PLANS TO COMMISSION 23 NUCLEAR PLANTS WITH A

TOTAL INSTALLED CAPACITY OF 23,000MW BY 1994 AND THEREFORE
NEEDS INDIAN HELP TO BUILD UP THE NECESSARY R AND D INFRA-
STRUCTURE OVER THE NEXT 15 YEARS.

3. BASISES RESPECTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE NON-PROLIFE-
RATION TREATY(NPT) AND INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY(IAEA)
SAFEGUARDS IRAN WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF ITS, ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM. IRAN HAS NOT YET
CONSIDERED PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS BUT WILL NOT RULE THEM OUT
ALTOGETHER. IRAN IS NOT INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING FACILITIES FOR
RECOVERY OF PLUTONIUM FROM SPENT FUEL FROM HER POWER REACTORS.

4. ETMAND HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH THE INDIAN ACHIEVEMENTS
IN THE FIELD OF ATOMIC ENERGY. HE VISITED ATOMIC ENERGY ESTABLISH-
MENTS AT TROMBAY, TARAPUR, KALPAKKAM AND HYDERABAD.SAXBE

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